A.

Page 1

Between lines 3 and 4, add the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional application of Application Serial No. 08/689,054 filed July 30, 1996, now allowed.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

REMARKS

The present application is a Division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/689,054. It is being filed in response to a restriction requirement in the parent application. Applicants are directing this application to the subject matter of Claims 10-24, with Claims 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 being independent.

Original Claims 1-9 in Application No. 08/689,054 are being canceled by this Preliminary Amendment. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicants

Richard P. Bauer

Registration No. 31,588

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO 30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200
RPB/11p